### UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications

under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

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031058 Attorney Docket No.

First Named Inventor or Application Identifier

Masaru INOUE, Hiroshi KAWAMATA and

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS FOR: THIN PLATE FORMATION METHOD, THIN PLATE AND SUSPENSION CORRECTION APPARATUS, AND CORRECTION METHOD

ADDRESS TO: Commissioner for Patents

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Total Pages

- 1. [XX] Fee Transmittal Form (Incorporated within this form) (Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
- 2. [XX] Specification

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3. [XX] Drawing(s) (35 USC 113)

Total Sheets [12]

4. [XX] Oath or Declaration

Total Pages [4]

- a. [XX] Newly executed (original)
- b. [ ] Copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d) (for continuation/divisional with Box 17 completed).
  - i. Deletion of Inventor(s)

Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in prior application. see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

- 5. [ ] Incorporation by reference (useable if box 4b is checked)
  - The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
- 6. [ ] Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)
- 7. [ ] Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
  - a. [ ] Computer Readable Copy
  - b. [ ] Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)
  - c. [ ] Statement Verifying identity of above copies

#### ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

- 8. [XX] Assignment Papers (cover sheet and documents) to: NHK SPRING CO., LTD., Yokohama, Japan Please publish the assignee data with the application.
- 9. [ ] 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee)

[XX] Power of Attorney



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10. [ ] English translation Document (if applicable)				
11. [XX] Information Disclosure Statement [XX] Copies of IDS Citations (PTO-1449 w/2 refs.)				
12. [ ] Preliminary Amendment				
13. [XX] Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)				
14. [ ] Small Entity Status is claimed.				
15. [XX] Claim for Convention Priority [1] Certified copy of Priority Document is enclosed.				
a. Priority of Japanese application No. 2002-245887 filed on August 26, 2002 is claimed under 35 USC 119.				
16. [ ] Other				
17. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information:				
[ ] Continuation [ ] Division [ ] Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application no/				
FEE TRANSMITTAL	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	Basic
The filing fee is calculated below				Fee \$750.00
Total Claims	9 - 20	i 	x \$18.00	
Independent Claims	8 - 3	5	x \$84.00	420.00
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Basic Filing Fee				1170.00
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[] Please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340 in the total amount of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the filing fee and the \_\_\_\_\_\_ assignment recordation fee. A duplicate of this sheet is attached.

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